

The following listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1-20 (cancelled)

21. (previously presented) A method for supplying information, comprising: distributing a plurality of information objects across a plurality of servers; and providing a redirection object for each information object; wherein each information object includes an indirect link to another information object, each indirect link to an information object being a link to a redirection object for that information object.

22. (previously presented) The method of Claim 21, further comprising:  
a first server presenting a first information object of the plurality of information objects to a client terminal;  
receiving a request for a second information object of the plurality of information objects from the client terminal, the request corresponding to a selection of the indirect link included in the first information object;  
determining if a second server hosting the second information object is operational; and  
returning an instruction redirecting the client terminal to the second information object if the second server is determined to be operational.

23. (previously presented) The method of Claim 22, further comprising returning an error message to the client terminal if the second server is determined to be unavailable.

24. (previously presented) The method of Claim 23, wherein returning an error message includes directing the client terminal to an error handling object.

25. (previously presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein the error handling object includes an error message.

26. (previously presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein the error handling object includes a redirection command.

27. (previously presented) The method of Claim 22, wherein determining comprises maintaining a centralized status of each server and inspecting the centralized status to determine the availability of the second server.

28. (previously presented) The method of Claim 27, wherein maintaining comprises periodically updating a status of each of the servers.

29. (previously presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein updating includes pinging the servers.

30. (previously presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein each information object and each redirection object includes a web page.

31. (previously presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein providing a redirection object for each information object includes providing a central server to host the redirection objects, the central server being the initial target for requests made for each information object.

32. (previously presented) An information server system comprising a plurality of servers, each hosting a different information object; a redirection object for each information object; wherein each information object includes an indirect link to another information object, each indirect link to an information object being a link to a redirection object for that information object.

33. (previously presented) The system of Claim 32:

further comprising a central server operable to receive a request for an information object from a client terminal, determine if a one of the plurality of servers hosting the requested information object is operational, and to pass the request to a redirection object corresponding to the requested information object if the server hosting the requested information object is determined to be operational; and wherein the redirection object is operable to return an instruction redirecting the client terminal to the requested information object.

34. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33:

further comprising a centralized database storing a status of each of said servers; and wherein the central server is operable to access the centralized database to determine whether a selected one of the plurality of servers hosting information objects is operational.

35. (previously presented) The system of Claim 33, wherein the central server is operable to return an error message in response to the request of the information object if the server hosting the requested information object is determined not to be operational.

36. (previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the central server is operable to return an error message by directing the client terminal to an error handling object.

37. (previously presented) The system of Claim 36, wherein the error handling object includes an error message.

38. (previously presented) The system of claim 36, wherein said error handling object includes a redirection command.

39. (previously presented) The system of Claim 34, wherein the central server is operable to maintain the central database by periodically updating a status of each of the plurality of servers that host the information objects.

40. (previously presented) The method of Claim 39, wherein updating includes pinging the servers.

41. (previously presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the central server hosts the redirection objects.

42. (previously presented) The system of Claim 32, wherein each of the information objects includes a web page.

43. (previously presented) A method of providing a website, comprising the steps of:

hosting a plurality of information web pages on a plurality of distinct web servers; and

hosting a plurality of redirection web pages on a central web server, wherein each information web page includes an indirect link to another information web page, each indirect link to an information web page being a link to a redirection web page for that information web page.

44. (currently amended) The method of Claim 40 43, further comprising:  
a first web server presenting a first information web page of the plurality of information web pages to a client terminal;

receiving a request for a second information web page of the plurality of information web pages from the client terminal, the request corresponding to a selection of the indirect link included in the first information web page;

determining if a second web server hosting the second information object is operational; and

returning an instruction redirecting the client terminal to the second information web page if the second web server is determined to be operational.

45. (currently amended) The method of Claim 44 44, further comprising returning an error message to the client terminal if the second web server is determined to be unavailable.

46. (currently amended) The method of Claim 44 44, wherein determining comprises maintaining a centralized status of each web server and inspecting the centralized status to determine the availability of the second web server.

47. (currently amended) The method of Claim 43 46, wherein maintaining comprises periodically updating a status of each of the web servers.

48. (currently amended) The method of Claim 47, wherein Claim 44, wherein updating includes pinging the servers.